

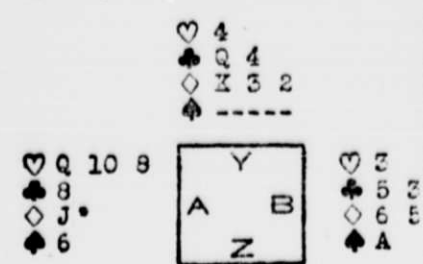
PROBLEMS FOR "SUN" READERS TO SOLVE

Mistake in a Bridge End Game as It Was Actually Played.

ACCOUNTANTS DON'T AGREE

Defeat for Checker Experts—Puzzling Questions of Figures and Cards.

Bridge problem No. 293 presented one of those situations that continually arise at the card table and appear comparatively easy to handle but may be upset by an expected play on the part of an adversary. Here is the distribution:



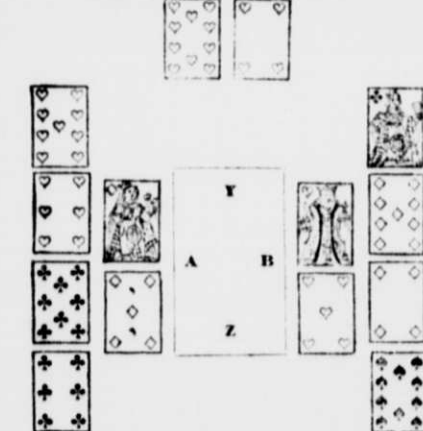
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As this end game was actually played, Z thought there would be no trouble about forcing B to guard his diamonds so he led two rounds of hearts, dummy trumping high. If B had discarded a diamond, as Z had planned, all three of those in Y's hand would have been gone as soon as the trumps were gone, as Z has a diamond to lead. If B had discarded the spade matters would have been equally simple.

But B undertrumped the heart trick. This threw Z's plan out of joint for the moment, and instead of stopping to adjust himself to the new conditions, he led two rounds of diamonds, trumping with the ten, and then the spade, so as to make a trick with his own six or his partner's four of trumps, as A could not catch them both.

The proper way to meet B's defense was to lead the trump from Y's hand, so that Z could win the trick with the ten and lead the six. This would have compelled B to guard his diamonds or discard the spade and would have forced the discard Z wanted, only three tricks later in the play than Z expected it.

Here is a situation that offers several lines of treatment, only one of which will yield the required result. It is the last of the summer practice problems, which have been comparatively easy, and No. 296 will start the new season list. The majority of the cracks having been able to get back from Europe and elsewhere by this time. There are some stiff problems in pickle for them.



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The distribution of the cards is as follows: Y has the ten and four of hearts; ten, five, four of trumps; eight of spades; no diamonds. A has the nine, six of hearts; eight, six of trumps; queen, five of diamonds; no spades. B has the king, five of hearts; queen of clubs; nine, four of diamonds and the ten of spades. Z has the ace, seven of hearts; king of clubs; jack, seven of diamonds, and the king of spades.

CHECKER ENDINGS. The problem printed two weeks ago, No. 293, made a sad hole in the ranks of the army that was fighting to reach the next honor list and capture the white cards. One of those who got it confessed to having spent five hours on it before he saw the trap that black must be forced into without any chance of variation.

It appears that this position should be credited to R. Bush and it is certainly a very clever arrangement of apparently equal forces, ending in a blocked game or the loss of a man. Solvers had to find both lines of play.

The distribution of the pieces is as follows: Black men on 11, 14, 16 and 21; king on 29. White men on 18, 26, 31 and 32, king on 9. White to play and win. Here are the moves that solve in the main variation, which gives the best defense for black, prolonging the game to eight moves:

White. 26-23. 23-19. 19-15. 15-11. 11-7. 7-3. 3-0. Black. 14-17. 17-22. 22-25. 25-30. 30-35. 35-40. 40-45. 45-50. 50-55. 55-60. 60-65. 65-70. 70-75. 75-80. 80-85. 85-90. 90-95. 95-100. 100-105. 105-110. 110-115. 115-120. 120-125. 125-130. 130-135. 135-140. 140-145. 145-150. 150-155. 155-160. 160-165. 165-170. 170-175. 175-180. 180-185. 185-190. 190-195. 195-200. 200-205. 205-210. 210-215. 215-220. 220-225. 225-230. 230-235. 235-240. 240-245. 245-250. 250-255. 255-260. 260-265. 265-270. 270-275. 275-280. 280-285. 285-290. 290-295. 295-300. 300-305. 305-310. 310-315. 315-320. 320-325. 325-330. 330-335. 335-340. 340-345. 345-350. 350-355. 355-360. 360-365. 365-370. 370-375. 375-380. 380-385. 385-390. 390-395. 395-400. 400-405. 405-410. 410-415. 415-420. 420-425. 425-430. 430-435. 435-440. 440-445. 445-450. 450-455. 455-460. 460-465. 465-470. 470-475. 475-480. 480-485. 485-490. 490-495. 495-500. 500-505. 505-510. 510-515. 515-520. 520-525. 525-530. 530-535. 535-540. 540-545. 545-550. 550-555. 555-560. 560-565. 565-570. 570-575. 575-580. 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